

QUALIFICATIONS

Company Background. Law Engineering was established as an independent testing firm by Thomas C. Law in 1946. Over the years, Law Engineering has evolved into the Law Companies Group, Inc., one of the world's largest specialty engineering and consulting organizations. Law Companies is divided into three major groups: Engineering, Environmental, and International. Today the company has over 4,000 employees and is ranked among the top five percent of consulting firms in the United States, according to the 1992 survey by *Engineering News Record*.

Based in Atlanta, Georgia, Law Companies Group and its subsidiaries operate a network of over 100 offices across the United States and overseas. While each office operates within its own market, technical resources and expertise can be brought in to serve many specific needs. This arrangement allows us to provide client access to all available LAW resources and maintain the same level of quality.

Throughout its 47-year history, LAW has developed services to respond to the demands of our diversified base of clients. Through steady expansion, LAW has become a strong, multi-disciplinary firm, combining a broad base of experience with current and advanced technology. Within each specialty area, we support our consulting business with our own field and laboratory testing resources. LAW is wholly owned by its employees. We believe this is one of the reasons why the firm has earned a successful reputation for building strong client partnerships for over four decades.

Indoor Air Quality Services. Recognizing the multi-disciplinary nature of indoor air quality investigations, LAW maintains a highly qualified staff of industrial hygienists, mechanical engineers, and other engineering and environmental professionals. This multi-disciplinary approach provides a well-rounded and thorough evaluation of all aspects of the building, resulting in on-target, innovative, cost-effective, and reasonable solutions.

To help assure consistency, LAW has developed an IAQ Work & Test Procedures Manual to provide guidelines and direction for personnel providing indoor air quality services. The Procedures, which are based upon currently available consensus guidelines from cognizant practitioners, professional organizations, and governments, include requirements for personnel training and experience. Major topics addressed in the Procedures are outlined below:

- Service Categories
 - Level I Indoor Air Quality Surveys
 - Level II Indoor Air Quality Surveys
 - Level III Indoor Air Quality Survey
 - Other Indoor Environmental Services
- Technical Requirements
 - Quality Control/Responsibilities
 - Personnel Qualifications
 - Training

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- Building Walk-throughs and Occupant Interviews
- HVAC System Evaluation
- Sampling Strategy
- Proposals and Reports
- Appendices
 - Qualified Personnel/Corporate Resources
 - Sampling Strategies
 - Analytical Laboratories
 - HVAC Systems
 - Equipment
 - Forms
 - Outline of Training Course

Corporate Quality Assurance Program. Law Engineering's dedication to providing reliable technical data and its commitment to competent engineering consultation were founding principles of our firm. Over the years, LAW's dedication to excellence and innovation led to a formalized Quality Assurance Program which today consists of the following elements:

Recruitment and Development: The primary source of technical personnel are the undergraduate and graduate programs from a wide range of top-level universities. In addition to a sound technician foundation, skills in communication and leadership are a high priority in LAW's recruitment program.

Staff engineers are assigned projects under the direct supervision of Department Senior Engineers. This process continues over an extensive time period while staff engineers are encouraged to seek their Professional Registration. All technical staff personnel - engineers and technicians - participate in training sessions conducted routinely throughout each year. These sessions are conducted by outside resource people as well as LAW's own personnel with specialized expertise.

Certified Principal Program: Every LAW project is overseen and reviewed by a certified company Principal. Staff professionals who have achieved their registration or certification, demonstrated competence in their project work over a minimum of 5 years, demonstrated abilities in understanding the clients' objectives and in communicating the results of their studies, demonstrated an understanding of general business operations and a professional style of conduct are nominated for the Law Engineering Principal Program. Nomination is made by the branch Chief Engineer to the Corporate Director of Engineering who convenes a Board of Review which studies submitted project reports and conducts a 3 to 4 hour oral examination. This lengthy and rigorous process insures LAW's clients of the highest level of competent engineering consultation throughout the company's entire system.

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